The St. Peter & St. Paul CE Primary School, Burgh-Le-Marsh

# **February Newsletter**

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## **BLINK AND YOU'VE MISSED IT!**

With a mid-term break and a shorter month to begin with, February is over almost as soon as it started! However, despite there being only 15 school days in the month, plenty has been going on in school. There are lots of other bits and pieces taking place over the rest of the term too. Hopefully this Newsletter will give a flavour of what has already happened and what is still to come.

All children recently brought home a letter regarding sickness and a member of our school community. Thank you for respecting the privacy of those involved and for immediately adhering to the request. It is sincerely appreciated.

Mr. Hurdman

Headteacher

## Y6M CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS

Thank you to Y6M for spending the week before the holiday in the Hall. This enabled Rodden and Cooper to install a new door and windows. The building is now safer, better insulated and better looking as a result. It also means that all children in classes by the playground now enter and leave via their classrooms and not round the back of the building through the library!



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Note: Dates may change and be added to!

Look out for text messages and letters.

Please visit our website too.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February Start of Term 4 for children and staff

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March Y6 PGL Residential

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March Y5 Pilgrim Fathers Workshop 2pm Ash Wednesday Service in Church

> Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March Live Music from the Chapel Hill Duo

> Monday 1st April Parents' Evening (earlier)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Parents' Evening (later)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2pm Palm Cross Service in Church End of Term 4 for children and staff

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Start of Term 5 for children and staff

#### **HIGH 5 NETBALL SUCCESS**

Huge congratulations to our Y6 High 5 Netball players. As a result of their success at the Coastal competition recently where they finished as runners up, they have qualified for the 'Level 3' (i.e. County Finals) stage of the competition in March. Well done to all the girls and boys involved!

#### **MOBILE PHONES - Y6 ONLY**

The only children permitted to bring mobile phones to school *if absolutely necessary* are those in Y6. They must be switched off at all times on school premises and also handed in.



#### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Don't forget that Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. Just come dressed up as a character from one of your favourite books!

#### PE KIT – ANOTHER REMINDER.

PE kit (including footwear) must be in school every day please, regardless of the 'usual' PE day.

#### **COMIC RELIEF**

Look out for updates from our School Council regarding Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **HOT MEALS – ANOTHER REMINDER.**

Hot Meals paid for weekly must be paid by the Thursday of the preceding week at the latest please. If orders and monies are not handed in on time, there is a chance that meals cannot be ordered. Sorry!

#### **RECEPTION CLASS UPDATES**

Thank you for respecting the 'closed gates' to the Reception outside area. You may have noticed that work has begun to improve the learning environment for our youngest children. Improved classroom storage and a new play house have already been installed.

Please be aware that mid-March the Reception outside area is being remodelled to extend the canopy and to replace the sandpit, mud-kitchen, seating and storage. There are lots of exciting new outside learning resources all ready to use as soon as this is complete. Please ensure that children are supervised near the area and look out for any further notices regarding access arrangements if deemed necessary.



#### OTHER BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS

There have been many more recent improvements to our building and site. The recently replaced fencing and handgate near the main entrance now boasts a path, which we have noticed is occasionally being used by the local community to avoid the steep slope running towards the road. Thanks to WJ Holmes and Sons for their work on this. Rodden and Cooper have also been busy with various projects. The bin storage at the front of the school is now more aesthetically pleasing. The shelter near the top gate has been modified to remove the rather steep access ramp, allowing it to be safely used by the children. Oh, and the last remaining legacy of the old Scout Hut has gone with the removal of the brick oil tank stand (Mr. Hurdman shed a little tear as another part of his youth disappeared!). Inside, there are now some very practical sliding doors in the hall to replace the old curtains (we just need to organise a painter/decorator to complete the transformation). Thank you to everyone (children, parents, staff and visitors) for your patience during the works. Thank you to our Site Manager Mr. Allsop for co-ordinating the various projects.



### **READING BOOKS**

Thank you to Mrs. Kirk for leading the recent whole school review of our reading scheme. By now most children should once again have a 'school reading book'. Thank you for your support in reading alternative books with your children whilst this has been taking place.

#### **PGL XIII**

Good luck to our Y6 children taking part in our 13<sup>th</sup> PGL Residential trip this week (or perhaps we should say good luck to Miss Millman, Mrs. Walton, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Brereton, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Hulley and Mrs. Potts). Mr. Hurdman is planning to join the party on Thursday.

# **ATTENDANCE**

Whilst we would ideally like each child to have 100% attendance, we appreciate that this is not generally possible. Illness and other unforeseen circumstances are unavoidable. However, if your child's attendance is particularly low then you may receive a letter regarding this. It may also be the case that you are invited to attend an attendance panel meeting to discuss your child's attendance and explore ways in which it could be improved. For more information, have a look at our Attendance Policy (available on the School website www.burghschool.org.uk)

Y6 SATs WEEK
Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019